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DUSE MOHAMED ALI, EFFENDI, HOLDS MASS. MEETING

St. Louis Clarion

We beg to announce a mass meeting which will be held at the Labor Union Hall, 2228 Olive street, on Friday evening next for the purpose of announcing details of the America-Africa-Orient Corporation and its accomplishments. We understand that, without making much noise, this trading concern intends to send its first shipment to West Africa on or before the 15th of October.

St. Louis, Mo.

We have had many disappointments in the past in regard to the efforts of our people in the direction of trade but there is no reason why a legitimate trade in the hands of efficient directors should not be an unqualified success.

Duse Mohamed Ali has been in our city now upwards of four months, working up this trade proposition with Africa, which is intended to join up the colored commercial forces of this country with those of West Africa, from whence not less than fifty per cent of the raw materials, such as cocoa, palm-oil and mahogany are imported from and consumed in this country.

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We trust that Duse Mohamed Ali and his friends will be accorded a hearing by our readers on Friday evening next, as it is our duty to know what is taking place in our midst. The admission is free and there will be an excellent musical program.

TOWN OFFICIALS ALL HELP BUILD CHURCH HOSPITAL

The Church Work

ST. TIMOTHY'S, LIBERIA, ENLARGED

Will Provide Much Needed Dispensary and Nurses' Home

To St. Timothy's Hospital at Cape Mount, Liberia, belongs the distinction surely unique among mission hospitals, or any hospitals, of having the mayor and the judge and all the chief dignitaries of the town carry the stones for the foundation of the newly enlarged building.

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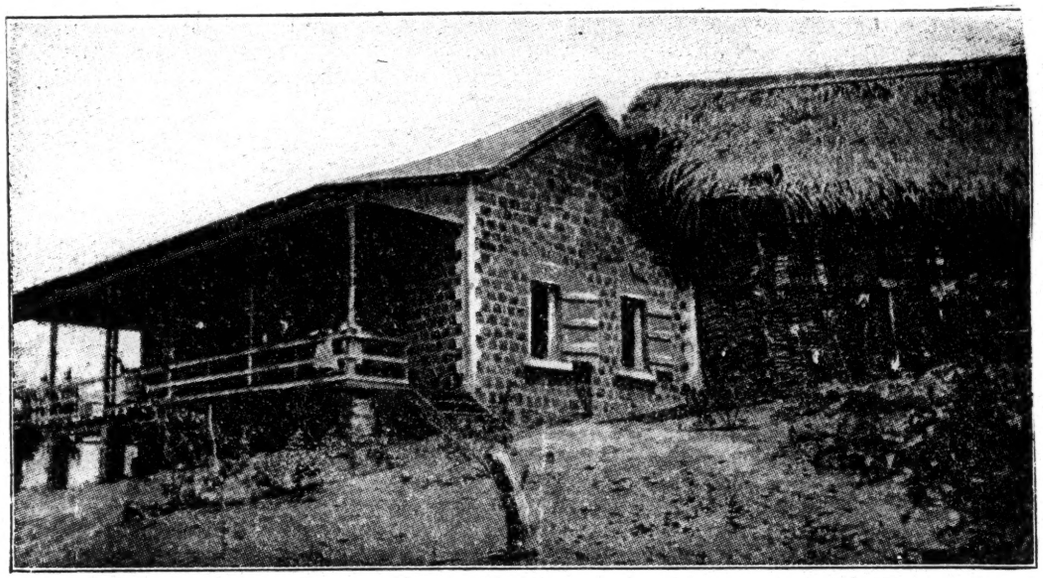
Miss Martina Gordon, one of the staff, describes the event in *The Liberian Churchman*. The additional hospital space will provide a much needed dispensary and nurses' home. *The Liberian Churchman*, edited by the Rev. Elwood Haines, of Cape Mount, has had many picturesque stories but few have been better than this:



ST. TIMOTHY'S HOSPITAL, CAPE MOUNT, LIBERIA
Stones for a New Addition Were Carried from the Mountains by Dignitaries of the Town, Led by the Mayor and Judge

If you had been so fortunate as to have visited the Cape Mount Mission several weeks ago, you would have wondered what all the noise and excitement was about, and why such a crowd was gathered on the grounds of St. Timothy's Hospital.

It was a glorious day. Early in the morning a poster was carried around the town reminding the people that it was the day set for the carrying of stones for the new hospital. More than a hundred enthusiastic citizens, including the judge, customs officials, lawyers and preachers, answered to the call, and under the leadership of the mayor trudged joyfully up the mountain and down again with stones perched securely on their heads.

New York

Not only the men volunteered, but women and children of all ages. I wish you could have seen one dear old lady of sixty-five—rather stout—carrying a huge stone on her snow-white head. Some time ago she was very ill with pneumonia, and she has never forgotten the visit made to her at midnight. When she appeared on the grounds, her face lit up with a bright smile, and she said, "I ain't got any money, but I can still tote stone, for I does want to have a part in that good work you young ladies are doin'."

And then to see the little boys, five and six years of age, struggling manfully with stones that were almost as large as they were!

The stone-carrying had been well organized by the mayor of the city who is also a member of the vestry, and an enthusiastic Church worker. The people were divided into groups, and leaders were appointed to take charge of them. These groups were stationed about fifty yards apart up the mountain, so that no one person would have to travel the whole distance, and in this way hundreds of stones were carried during the day.

All the time, the band played, keeping up the spirit of workers—in fact, the stones were fairly danced down the hill! And the women weren't idle, for they were kept busy cooking rice and making palaver sauce to feed the fast growing appetites of the men. In the afternoon the girls of the town, the House of Bethany, and the Hospital made a merry group of "sand carriers" from the beach.

So nearly every one in Cape Mount will have a personal interest in the hospital, for they have had a share in the work. A regular day each month has been set aside for the carrying of stones and sand, until we have a sufficient quantity.

The masons are at work dressing the stones, and in a few weeks' time the foundation will be started. Within a year we hope to be occupying a fully equipped hospital with a *doctor* at the head, for I feel sure that when we have everything ready for him, he will volunteer!

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Native Africans to Speak at Church

Kathleen Easmon and K. Kimango, native Africans, arrived from Tuskegee, Ala., Saturday to speak at the First Congregational Church Sunday night. Dr. Russell Brown, the pastor, said the public was invited. The natives will appear in African costume. They will sail in April to Portugal and then to Africa, back to their own people.

Dr. E. Arlington Wilson to Present Liberian Loan Plan of Dallas Ministers to Baptist Executive Board.

Rev. E. Arlington Wilson, pastor of Macedonia Baptist church, and president of the Dallas Ministerial Alliance will leave early next week for Memphis, where he will attend the meeting of the Executive Board of the National Baptist Convention (Incorporated.) At this meeting Dr. Wilson will present the resolution calling upon the General bodies of Afro-American churches to help in financing the Liberian loan which was recently refused that country by the American government.

The Bishops' Council and Connectional Assembly which met in Columbia, S. C., recently adopted the resolution which was drawn up by the Dallas Alliance and presented by Rev. C. W. Abington. According to representatives of the Alliance the resolution is to be presented to the Executive bodies of all Negro churches in the near future. The following committees have been given charge of this work in their respective church groups.

To the Bishop's Council and Connectional Assembly of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Drs. C. W. Abington and J. H. Smith.

To the National Baptist Convention (Incorporated), Dr. E. Arlington Wilson and Rev. B. Moore.

To the Colored Methodist Episcopal church, Drs. J. R. Starks and N. W. Clark. Dallas Express

To the National Baptist Convention, (Unincorporated), Revs. W. M. Lofton and M. H. Odom. Dallas Express

To the Evangelical Board, (Incorporated), Dr. C. C. Harper and Rev. A. L. Russell. 3-31-23

To the Methodst Episcopal church, Dr. J. W. Weakly and Rev. J. D. Rice.

To the Evangelical Board, (Unincorporated) Revs. A. Banks and S. G. Guster.

To the General Convention of the Freewill Baptist church, Dr. W. M. Shaw and Rev. T. E. Moody.

To the Congregational church, Dr. L. R. Maye.

To the Primitive Baptist church, Rev. W. M. Taylor.

To the National Commission on Social Work, Dr. A. S. Jackson, (Baptist).

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U. S. Collier Brutus To Be Ark in Negro Migration

SAN PEDRO, Calif., Thursday.—The Rev. J. E. Lewis, builder of the "Ark of the Living God," which sank during its launching here three years ago, has left for San Francisco to purchase the old navy collier Brutus, which, he says, will be used as the nucleus of a fleet to carry members of the black race in America back to Africa.

The Brutus, he explained, will sail from this port next February for Monrovia, on the west coast of Africa, with 2,000 tons of freight and 200 Afro-American passengers.

The black man has no future in this country and in a few years will be established in the new empire of Ethiopia, he declared.